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ASSISTANCE TO LIBERATION MOVEMENTS

Agenda item VIII (a) (Assistance to Liberation Movements)

Introduction

1. The purpose of this report is to up-date a report submitted to the Sixth meetings of the Lusaka MULPOC Policy Organs held in Mbabane, Swaziland, from 7-16 February 1983, on the assistance that ECA has given to Liberation Movements in recent years.

2. On the 30 July 1963 ECOSOC adopted on ECA-sponsored resolution which provided that "The Republic of South Africa shall **not** take part in the work of the Economic Commission for Africa until the Council, on the recommendation of the Economic Commission for Africa, shall find that conditions for constructive co-operation have been restored by a change in its racial policy."1/ Since the racial situation in South Africa has changed for the worse over the years, the Commission adopted resolution 370 (XIV) in March 1979 on direct assistance by ECA to Liberation Movements recognised by the Organization of African Unity, especially in the field of training and manpower. The resolution also called upon "The United Nations, its specialised agencies and non-governmental organisations to collaborate with the Commission in developing direct assistance programmes to members of Liberation Movements recognised by the OAU."2/

The paragraphs that follow deal in outline only with the various ways in which efforts have been made to render the assistance referred to in these resolutions.

Economic Sanctions and and Economic Strategy for Post-Apartheid South Africa

3. As explained under agenda item VIII (b), project documents have been submitted to the Administrator, UNDP, New York, on these two studies. These documents were agreed with the A.N.C. (S.A.) (who asked for one of them). The Secretary-General of the A.N.C. subsequently cabled New York requesting the UNDP to consider them favourably. We await New York's reply.

Migratory Labour in Southern Africa

4. Work done in this field has been set out in detail under agenda item 5 (V) (e) concerning the activities of the Southern Africa Labour Commission (SALC). What SALC now needs is hard cash to enable it to implement its programmes aimed at providing alternative employment for migrant workers in their home countries as a step towards the withdrawal by suppliers States of their labour from South Africa. In this connection SALC needs the support of all member States of the MULPOC, of all OAU member States, of the United Nations family of organizations and bilateral and multilateral donors.

1/ Resolution 974 (XXXVI) (D) (II), E/3816, Suppl. No.1.

2/ Resolution 370 (XIV), E/CN.14/725, p. 196, 27 March 1979.

African Training and Research Centre for Women (ATRCW)

5. As set out under agenda item VIII (c), the ATRCW is undertaking studies on women under apartheid and problems of refugees pursuant to resolution 447 (XVII) of the ECA Conference of Ministers. The recommendations of this study will form the basis of further action by the ATRCW in this field. An application has already been received by the P.A.C. (Azania) for assistance under this heading and shall be processed once the studies referred to above have been completed.

6. Fellowships/Training in relation to Programmes/Projects supporting Liberation Movements

(a) Two programmes have been established under the funded fellowships to assist SWAPO in training personnel for a free Namibia:

- Programme No.1 - Project of the UN Council for Namibia in the Nationhood programme - fellowships in the Transport Sector.

- Programme No.2 - Secondment Programme for Namibians.

(b) Programme number 1 was prepared by the UN Council for Namibia and approved for financing by the UNDP, with ECA as executing agency. The original programme proposal provided for the training of 18 Namibians in various aspects of transport operation, maintenance and administration, to ensure the existence of a corps of trained manpower to operate and develop the transport network of a free and independent Namibia. However, the plan has been modified and the programme which now runs from 1980-1984 provides for thirty-four (34) fellowships. Thirty-two (32) of the thirty-four fellowships have been allocated. The Secretariat is awaiting the decision of the Institute regarding two trainees whose nominations were later withdrawn by the Institute.

(c) The present position is as follows:

Candidates	Field	Host Institution	Comments
2 Trainees	Operation and Maintenance of railway rolling stock	Zambia Railways	Training undertaken Aug.1980 to Agusut 1981
2 Trainees	Railway maintenance	Tanzam Railway	19.3.81 - May 1982
2 Trainees	Signalling telecoms.	Tanzam Railways	January 82-January 83
2 Trainees	Mech. engineering	Tanzania Railway	January 82-January 83
8 Trainees	In-service training Railway operations	Sudan Railways, Atbara	August 82 - August 83
12 Trainees	Supervisor/fitter categories	Zambia Railways	27 July 83-July 1984

Candidates	Field	Host Institution	Comments
2 Trainees	Railway maintenance (signal telecommunications Diesel Traction mechanic)	Zambia Railways	January 83-January 84
2 Trainees	In-service Locomotive driving	Nigeria Railways Corporation	February 1984 for one year
1 Trainee	Port Management	Tanzania Harbours Authority	Candidature withdrawn by SWAPO
1 Trainee	Road Transport Management	Newcastle Polytechnic (UK)	Candidature withdrawn by SWAPO
1 Trainee	Transport Economic	Newcastle Polytechnic (UK)	Candidature withdrawn by SWAPO
1 Trainee	Organization and Management of Railway systems	Newcastle Polytechnic (UK)	Candidature withdrawn by SWAPO

In the project Document "Transport survey for Namibia - Phase II" prepared by the ECA Transport Division, it was proposed that the areas of specialization, the numbers of persons to be trained and the costs be revised upwards.

Seminar

1 Trainee (Deputy Chief Logistic Coordinator SWAPO)	Port Management-Operations and study tour Odessa-USSR	9-23 August 1983

(d) Programme No.2 - Secondment programme for Namibians

Objectives: To expose third year students of United Nations Institute for Namibia (UNIN) in Lusaka to various experience in government and international organizations with a view to their taking up responsibilities when Namibia attains independence.

Implementation: For four consecutive years the ECA, at the request of the Institute, has arranged the attachment of these students to various divisions in areas of concentration as prescribed by the Institute, to the ECA Secretariat; the OAU Secretariat; Commercial, Housing and Mortgage Banks of Ethiopia. 12-15 students are involved yearly for a period of 9 months. For 1983 twenty-three students were accommodated. Fifteen trainnes participated in 1982 and 23 in 1983.

(e) This programme except for the Banks, has taken the form of on-the-job briefing by various officials, provision of reading materials, report writing and subsequent discussions. As far as possible, they get involved in the work of the Division concerned. The Ethiopian Banks have to be commended for the thoroughness of their programme.

(f) The effectiveness of these attachments is being improved each year, basing on previous experience, to ensure that the trainees actually gain effective practical experience of what it means or takes to run an office and to realize results.

Seminar

1 Trainee (SWAPO representative in Addis Ababa)	Moscow-USSR Methodology and machineries for Planning the science and technology components in national development plans	22 August - 1 September 1983

(g) Additionally, there is an ECAfunded programme of partial fellowships. This was established in 1980, and is financed from UNTFAD sources. Under this programme partial fellowships are granted to a limited number of science and technical teachers, management teachers and future managers and staffs of African universities. Liberation Movements, recognized by the OAU, are free to apply for these fellowships.